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Title of Invention: Hitch Assembly for attaching a trailer to a bicycle  
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Hitch assembly for bicycle to attach a tongue of  
 a trailer to the bicycle so that the trailer  
 can pivot vertically (up and down) relative to the  
 frame and seat of the bike.

Keywords: bicycle, hitch, trailer, vertical pivoting,  
 Wheelstay, rear hub/axle, strut, seat, adjust, skewer,  
 clamp, seat post, steering tube

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